THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The total number of ticketless travellers detected and the amount recovered zone-wise during the year 1986-87, were as under:—

Railways	No. of persons detected (In lakhs)	Amount of Railways dues realised (In lakhs)
Central	8.06	209.86
Eastern	11.47	185.98
Northern	8.22	247.86
North Eastern	3.50	57.74
Northeast Frontier	1.64	58.22
Southern	3.79	115.42
South Central	4.24	158.43
South Eastern	9.23	154.17
Western	9.44	203.21

(b) 1.19 lakh persons were sent to jail.

(c) In addition to normal checks, following measures are also taken to combat ticketless travel: —

(i) Massive concentrated spot checks by deploying large number of travelling Ticket Examiners, Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police Personnel with a view to ensure that tickets of all the passengers travelling by different trains passing through that point are completely checked.

(ii) Checks conducted alongwith the Railway Magistrates to try ticketless travellers summarily and take punitive action on the spot.

(iii) Cross-country checks with the help of Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police Personnel who travel by buses and stop trains in mid-section for apprehending ticketless travellers.

(iv) Ambush checks with the help of Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police Personnel are also conducted. These checks are planned meticulously and the details of the operation are kept highly secret.

Removal of first class coaches from trains

2822. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first class coaches have been removed from the long distance trains such as Mahanagari Express and others if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it has affected those travellers who are unable to bear the fare by travelling in II-class A.C.; and

(c) whether Government propose to reattach these first class coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A.C. Sleeper is popular with the overwhelming majority.

(c) No, Sir.